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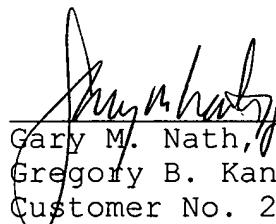
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Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

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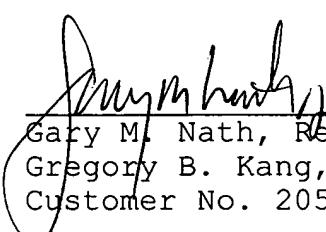
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Sir:

The above-identified patent application received the filing date of January 21, 2005. It is now February of 2006 and no further communication has been received indicating action on the merits. The undersigned attorney requests that status of the application and of the estimated date when a first Office Action on the merits may be mailed.

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